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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant(s): **Chai**

Case: **SAR 13151**

Serial No.: **09/377,383** Filed: **August 19, 1999**

Group Art Unit: **2621**

Examiner: **Duy M. Dang**

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FOR FORMING A CODING UNIT**

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	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Total claims</u>
Claims now pending	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Less: Highest number of claims previously paid for	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>
Fee due:	<u>0</u> x \$80.00 + <u>0</u> x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Fee for newly added multiple dependent claims		\$0.00
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Total fee due		\$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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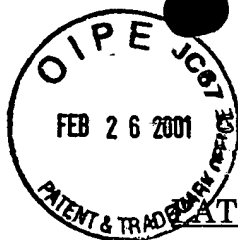
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

The following response is submitted to address the Final Office Action,  
dated December 19, 2000 (Paper No. 6).

**REMARKS**

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Duy Dang and Primary Examiner Jose Couso for kindly taking a substantial amount of time on February 20, 2001 to discuss the merits of the subject invention. Applicant's representative is aware of the time constraint that is placed on the Examiners and is appreciative of the Examiners' willingness to devote such large quantity of time to discuss the case on the merit.

In the Examiner Interview, the Primary Examiner acknowledged the differences between the cited reference and the Applicant's invention. However, no agreement was reached in the Examiner Interview.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-13 are pending in the application, and that claims 1-13 are rejected. In view of the following